

4 More Years, please!

Sunset--California is reviewing licensing boards every four years again. After a year's work, we sent the lawmakers our *2011 Sunset Review Report*. BPM intends to sail into safe harbor, perhaps with some practice act reforms aboard. The *Report* is on our website.

New Board Member Edward "Eddie" Barnes--Thanks to Senate Leader Darrell Steinberg, Eddie Barnes is on deck, helping BPM chart this course. Pictured with Senator Steinberg is former Assembly Speaker Karen Bass. She graced BPM by appointing Kristina Dixon. Kristina and Eddie bring civic and state leadership experience. Governor Brown has two additional appointments to make.

Elected--With Dr. Karen Wrubel completing two presidential years, the Board elected Dr. Neil Mansdorf as President and Dr. James Longobardi as Vice for 2012. The line of excellence continues.



\$18-Transaction Fee?--Online credit card renewal may be coming late 2012. But cause for concern is the plan to assess BPM \$15,000 a year for convenience fees (2% x \$900 x an estimated 833 online renewals). In comparison, the nursing board (\$140 renewal fee), will be charged \$2.80 per renewal. BPM voted to add the \$18 fee to the online payment. Distasteful, but we've thought less so than paying an uncompensated \$15,000 a year for 833 renewals. Your thoughts?



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